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Lieutenant General James A. Abrahamson
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Dear General Abrahamson:

The Agency has just completed the first running of a seminar on Rapidly Advancing Technologies, designed to increase intelligence support to the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization (SDIO). The seminar participants, senior analysts and branch chiefs, were briefed on the many emerging technologies important to the success of the SDI and visited facilities engaged in developing these technologies. The participants' evaluation of the seminar as an unqualified success is due, in a large part, to the support given by SDIO personnel.

In particular, I wish to commend Major Barbara Bennington who arranged the visits to three national laboratories and ten R&D plants involved in the SDI. Each of these had a well planned agenda suited to the needs of intelligence analysts. Also, Ms. Mary Peschak who arranged the all day briefing at the SDIO Washington headquarters that provided Agency personnel with an overview of the technologies involved in the SDI program.

The Agency is aggressively seeking ways to increase its understanding of the intelligence issues behind the SDI. The Office of Training and Education is continually looking for training to better the analytical skills of our scientific personnel so that the Agency can better assess issues such as the Soviet response to the SDI program. I look forward to continued cooperation with the SDIO to assist in the training of scientific analysts. The net result should be timely and expert intelligence assessments of value to both this Agency and the SDIO.

Sincerely,



Director
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